

REMARKS

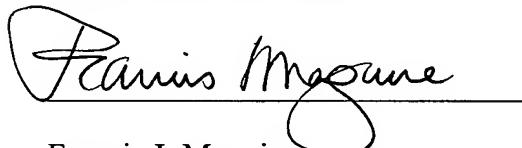
The above amendment is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 16, 2006 requiring applicant to elect either the Group I claims 1-38 or the Group II claims 39-47 for examination on the merits.

By the above amendment, applicant hereby elects the Group I claims 1-38 for examination and will file a divisional on the Group II claims 39-47.

This election is therefore made without traverse.

The elected claims have also been amended to remove reference numerals, acronyms, means-plus-function language, "step" language, and "characterized" clauses.

Respectfully submitted,



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